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**MINERAL TAX** Just now the attention of the general public is drawn to taxes. The increasing of the poll tax to \$5 has been the theme of conversation throughout the Province which has called forth the condemnation of many agitators and the press has to a certain extent voiced the sentiment of disapproval. The discussion of one tax naturally involves others, and considering the present crisis that metalliferous mining has reached with the low price of lead and the difficulty in getting ore smelted, it is not at all surprising that the tax on mineral is receiving no little attention.

When it is considered that for the education of our children we are asked to put up only \$5 annually it savors a little of the ridiculous to object. The education which is imparted to our children annually is worth many times the amount. Married men certainly have no kick to make and single men should not object to pay their share of the tax, for their education cost others more.

Under existing conditions it is impossible to discriminate between white men and Japs and Chinese, and the imposing of a higher poll tax is a means by which these latter can be made pay their share for the advantages they are allowed in this province.

### The Golden Era says:

"The *Occurrence* of last week condemned the Government for the tax on minerals and says it is a hindrance to development. We think otherwise. Taxation of natural resources is the very best form of taxation any government can adopt. In fact we need more of it in order to relieve the tax on labor and industry. Today the most improvements a man puts on his place the more he is taxed for doing so. This wants to be lessened. The reason the Government is now considering the advisability of raising the poll tax from \$4 to \$5 is because there is not enough revenue raised from the taxation of natural resources. We are naturally anxious to see mines developed, but at the same time they ought to pay a fair share of the revenue of the country, and none are better able to do so."

If the mines don't now pay a fair share of the revenue we would like to know what does? We would also ask the *Era* if mining is not an industry? which it says should be relieved. The mining industry in British Columbia is only in its infancy and should be fostered rather than taxed.

The *Era* editor is, we believe, a single-taxer, which is very good providing all things are on an equal basis. We are also inclined to believe he has not considered the mining industry very much else he would not say we need to be taxed more.

If there is objection made to taxing improvement then the mines should not be taxed in this Province. There are but few mines in this province that are not to be considered as in the first stages of development, and the one that is shipped is only that which is taken out without improving the mine or rather proving the existence of mines.

When the amount of taxes which the metalliferous mines pay is considered—that is, everything considered a revenue from the staking of claims to the smelting of ore—there is good reason for objecting.

While we say the Legislature should not have increased the mineral tax we are aware that there are many reasons why more revenue should be raised in order to build roads, trails, etc. We think that if, instead of taxing our baby industry, the back taxes on farming lands and town lots were collected a more judicious remedy would be found.

But while the Legislature is struggling with these difficulties and receiving all the blame we believe that they have shouldered, or rather have been forced to shoulder, a burden that really should be carried by the Dominion Government.

The Dominion Government receives a great deal more revenue from this province than it expends. The mining industry while in its infancy should be fostered by the Dominion, for in a new country like this it is impossible to give it the care it should have. But the people of Quebec and Ontario are very ignorant concerning mining, and while they can live over their opportunities of trading with us they refuse to aid us in maturing. Further, they would take from us what we have and refuse us even legislation that would work to our advantage.

The Spokane papers tell daily of hundreds of immigrants arriving in that city from the eastern states. These immigrants are all farmers who are settling in the State of Washington. The people of British Columbia should make an effort to draw the attention of some of these people to the opportunities we have to offer them. We need more farmers all through this province and now that the tide has turned seaward we could at once make our agricultural resources known. While a great number of ranches have been taken up already this year in the Upper Columbia Valley there is yet room for several hundred more ranchers.

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A countless hoard  
Of gold and gear,  
Nor jewels fine,  
Nor lands no less,  
Nor treasure hoards of anything—  
But but a little hut be mine  
Here at the hearthstone I may hear  
The cricket sing  
And have the shine  
Of glad woman's eyes to make,  
Or my poor sake,  
Our simple home a place divine;  
At the wee cot—the crickets chirre—  
And the smiling face of her.

May not for  
Riches, nor  
For vast estates and castle halls—  
Give me to hear the law footfalls  
Of children's feet  
An open door,  
Furnished with cushions or bespiced  
With that the tiny coverlet  
All pillow for the baby's head;  
I pray them, may  
The door stand open and the day  
Send over in a gentle breeze  
With fragrance from the heart trees;  
And drowsy music of doves, a blur  
Of robin's chirp and drone of bees,  
With afterglows of the air  
Intermingling sounds, and then  
The great life and the smile of her  
Filling the silence again—  
The crickets call  
And the wee cot,  
Dear Lord of all,  
Dony me not.

May not that  
On trouble at  
My power of place  
And lordly sway  
Looks may for simple grace  
To look my neighbor in the face  
I'll honestly from day to day—  
Yield not my sunny palm to hold,  
And I'll not pray  
For gold—

The tanned face garlanded with mirth,  
It hath the kindest smile on earth—  
Research by law, diamonds and all, sweet  
Hath never need of ornament  
And so I reach,  
Dear Lord to thee,  
And do beseech  
Thou givest me  
The wee cot, and the crickets' chirr,  
Lovely, and the glad, sweet face of her!  
—James Whitcomb Riley.

## SCIENCE AND MINING.

The deepest shaft in Victoria, Australia, was at Stawell, 2,415 feet.

It does not form in a steam boiler in use, unless superheated steam is called a "gas."

In boring an artesian well "acid rock" is usually quite easy to mine; rock that will not mine with ordinary tools is called a "hard rock."

A mixture of ten parts of white lead, one part of black oxides of manganese, and one part of litharge will form a small size of steam boiler in an emergency, a little while, but the heat itself is a danger of structural defect, that needs special treatment.

The sawmills of the Yukon have to land operations, and every town between Bennett and Dawson is making boats of different sizes and descriptions, to less than 50 vessels with no engaged Alaskan traffic during the coming summer.

Business Man—What is your name?  
Applicant—Thomas K. K. K. Carter.  
What does the K. K. K. stand for?  
Nothing. The man who asked for me when I was christened stuttered."—Philadelphia Record.

The State of Kansas has for long years been nominally a prohibition state, and the law has been enforced, perhaps as well as such drastic laws can be. Spirits are allowed to be sold only as "medicine," and that is how the following story came to be told. A hotel and salaried cowboy planted a "blue-gum devil" on the counter of a chemist's shop. "Fill her up," he said. "Baby's sick."

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INQUESTAthalmer Excited  
--A Girl Found  
Dead in Bed.

On Thursday afternoon of last week quite a stir and excitement was created in Athalmer when it was announced that one of the members of the red curtain sisterhood had been found dead in bed.

The house in Athalmer last only been occupied from the previous Monday when Misses George Lou Irving, Lillie Clark and Hazel O'Dell up from Golden.

According to the story of Misses Len they had all gone to bed about 8 o'clock Thursday morning. Hattie Davis upstairs and the others on the first floor. Hazel had taken a drink of her upstairs and one of whiskey in her bedroom and the two women went to bed together and George read the paper and at about 1 o'clock she went to bed. At 1 o'clock she had taken a drink of her upstairs and one of whiskey in her bedroom and the two women went to bed together and George read the paper and at about 1 o'clock she went to bed. At 1 o'clock she had taken a drink of her upstairs and one of whiskey in her bedroom and the two women went to bed together and George read the paper and at about 1 o'clock she went to bed.

When the coroner arrived he learned from Lillie Clark that the deceased had come from Calgary with her to Golden, that she was 25 years of age, had a husband by the name of Frank Patmore living in Calgary, deceased had attempted suicide by taking carbolic acid in Calgary, that her life had been saved by the prompt action of a doctor and that he had said her heart was very weak.

When Dr. Elliott arrived he made an examination, and on Saturday held an inquest, but the jury disagreed and the doctor made a post-mortem examination and found that the deceased had died of heart disease. The funeral took place Friday morning.

Mr. S. Ruttan, of Revelstoke, arrived in Peterboro last week and will shortly take the management of W. S. Santo & Company's store, vice W. S. Santo who will open a store in Canterbury. Mr. Ruttan is by no means a stranger in these parts as he made his first trip up the Columbia river in 1880. About that time he became interested in business to Donald, and therefore had the opportunity of meeting many of the people of this locality, all of whom are pleased to learn that the successful business of this firm is to be entrusted to so popular and efficient a business man as Mr. Ruttan.

The Revelstoke Herald says: "The Editor of Taylor & George's staff has left town for a trip to Peterboro in East Kootenay, where he has been offered a position. Mr. Ruttan's services are highly appreciated by the firm and it is hoped that he will decide to stay with them when he returns from his visit to Peterboro." The coroner is pleased to know that the Herald's hopes have been dashed and that this district will be the beneficiary.

## THE VILLAGE CHOIR

Half a bar, half a bar,  
Half a bar and a bar,  
Into an awful ditch,  
Choir and Precursor pitch,  
Into a mass of pitch,  
They led the Old Hundred,  
Tumbled to the right of them,  
Tumbled to the left of them,  
Tumbled in front of them,  
Tumbled and tumbled,  
Oh! That Precursor's loss  
When soprano took  
Their own time and took  
From the Old Hundred  
Scattered all the tumbled here,  
Engaged the tenors the s,  
Raising the parson's hair,  
While his mind wandered;  
Tried not to reason a way--  
The parson was pitched too high;  
Their bar to gasp and cry  
Out the Old Hundred,  
Tumbled to right of them,  
Tumbled to left of them,  
Tumbled in front of them,  
Tumbled and tumbled,  
Flashed they with shout and yell,  
N'at woe two sang, our well,  
Demanding the sexton's bell,  
While the church wobbled.  
Down the Precursor's gale,  
He led the psalmist in air,  
Fencing his knees to hear  
Out the Old Hundred,  
Said, "I have not my back,

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Beach'd he his hat from rack,  
Then from the screening pack  
Himself he sundred,  
Tens to right of him,  
Tumbled to left of him,  
Disco's belted him,  
Belowed and thundered,  
Oh, the wild howls they wreat;  
Right to the end they fought!  
None from their song but not,  
Not the Old Hundred.

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Editor will keep brother bells soft.  
There is a good opening here for a shoemaker, jeweler, tailor, and any other business not advertised in this paper.

Pat, do you know what is the greatest  
harder to the habit of drinking?  
Oh, do, Sir,  
Oh, you do, Sir, what is it?  
As empty bottles, Sir,

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